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Applicant : Dirk N. Yerian, et al.
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated September 8, 2005.

The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on December 8, 2005.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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